

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of July, 2019.

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. to Change its Infrastructure)	<u>File No. GO-2019-0115</u>
System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire)	Tracking No. YG-2019-0201
Missouri East Service Territory)	

In the Matter of the Application of Spire)	
Missouri Inc. to Change its Infrastructure)	<u>File No. GO-2019-0116</u>
System Replacement Surcharge in its Spire)	Tracking No. YG-2019-0202
Missouri West Service Territory)	

**ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
APPLICATION FOR REHEARING**

Issue Date: July 25, 2019

Effective Date: July 25, 2019

On May 3, 2019, the Commission issued a Report and Order in these cases with an effective date of May 14, 2019. On May 13, 2019, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a timely application for rehearing. Section 386.500, RSMo 2016, states that the Commission shall grant a rehearing if in its judgment there is sufficient reason to do so.

The arguments raised by Public Counsel in its request for rehearing were previously presented to the Commission and rejected with the exception of the matter of the net property tax value. Public Counsel argues that when Staff filed its revenue requirement calculations as ordered by the Commission,¹ Staff incorrectly reverted to using the net property tax amounts updated through January 2019 that Spire Missouri

¹ Order Directing Filing and Setting Response Times, (issued April 24, 2019).

provided (\$2,598,507 and \$1,539,224 for Spire Missouri West and Spire Missouri East, respectively),² rather than net property tax amounts that would have reflected the property values with the plastic pipe disallowance. These net property tax amounts were carried through in Staff's subsequent updates to the revenue requirement calculations³ and were ultimately used in the final revenue requirement approved by the Commission. With regard to this limited issue, the Commission has determined that in its judgment a rehearing of its decision should be undertaken. Therefore, the *Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration* will be granted for limited rehearing.

The Commission will direct the parties to meet for a procedural conference in order to propose a joint procedural schedule. The procedural schedule will provide for the simultaneous filing of direct testimony by Spire Missouri Inc. and Staff (and optionally by Public Counsel) regarding the methodology and calculations used to determine the amount of property tax. This testimony should provide sufficient information for the Commission to determine the total amount of plastic pipe disallowed, and the methodology and calculations used to determine that amount, along with evidentiary support for those amounts. The procedural schedule shall also provide for a date for rehearing where live rebuttal and cross-examination testimony will be heard.

Spire Missouri Inc., also filed a timely application for rehearing, which will be addressed by the Commission in a separate order at the conclusion of the rehearing. In accordance with Section 536.083, RSMo, this matter will be assigned to a different Regulatory Law Judge for the rehearing.

² *Staff Report*, (filed April 25, 2019), Attachments A and B.

³ Notice of Correction to Staff Report, (filed April 29, 2019); and Staff Response to Order Directing Response and Notice of Second Corrected Revenue Requirement for Spire East, (filed May 1, 2019), Attachments A and B.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Motion for Rehearing or Reconsideration* filed on May 13, 2019, by the Office of the Public Counsel, is granted for limited rehearing as set out in the body of this order.

2. The parties shall meet in a procedural conference on August 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The procedural conference will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

3. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

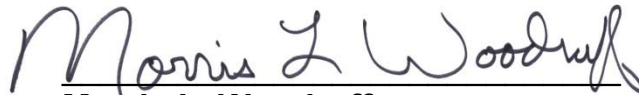
STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 25th day of July 2019.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 25, 2019

File/Case No. GO-2019-0115 and GO-2019-0116

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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